

An Important Message from Dallas Hammit, Deputy Director of Transportation/State Engineer

National Work Zone Awareness Week offers important safety reminders

It is National Work Zone Awareness Week, which means drivers across the country are being reminded to slow down and pay attention.

At ADOT, safety in the work zone is a year-round effort, but we're using this week to share some vital information with motorists and I hope you'll help spread the word. Here are a few places to find ADOT's messaging:

- Our Work Zone Awareness public service announcement can be seen on [ADOT's YouTube channel](#). The new 30-second video illustrates just how important it is for drivers to slow down in the work zone.
- A revamped [Work-Zone Safety webpage](#) contains details that will help you and your family to maneuver safely through a work zone.
- You can also connect with ADOT through [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and the [ADOT Blog](#) for additional information all this week.

Spring has begun and construction projects around the state will soon begin to ramp up. Now is the perfect time to review (and share) the following safety tips for driving in a work zone:

- **Pay attention** to signs and other work-zone safety devices.
- **Slow down** and be prepared to merge safely when approaching a work zone.
- **Avoid rear-end collisions** by maintaining a safe distance behind other vehicles.
- **Avoid distractions.** You'll be better prepared to respond to changing road conditions.
- **When in a line of traffic, be patient and stay calm.**
- **Obey road crew flaggers.** They have the same authority as a regulatory sign. Ignore a flagger and you could be cited by a law-enforcement officer.

